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Grant County Health Department

"Protecting Public Health in Grant County for 72 years"

TO: The Honorable Chairman, Eugene Bartels and the
Members of the Grant County Board of Supervisors

FROM: The Staff of the Grant County Health Department
and the Members of the Board of Health

RE: Report of the Grant County Health Department Programs
and Services for 2007

The work and efforts of a dedicated staff and Board of Health are reflected in this report. A special thanks to the Grant County Board of Supervisors, UW-Extension, Corporation Counsel, Sheriffs Department, Emergency Management, Area Health Providers, Infection Control Practitioners, Pharmacists, SW Community Action Program, and Wisconsin Department Health & Family Services.

The mission of the
Grant County Health Department
is to
promote the health and wellness
of ALL residents
of Grant County.



Essential Public Health Services

1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
2. Identify, investigate, control, and prevent health problems and hazards in the community.
3. Educate the public about current and emerging health issues.
4. Promote community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. Create policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and insure safety.
7. Link people to needed health services.
8. Assure a diverse, adequate, and competent workforce to support the public health system.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Conduct research to seek new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.
11. Assure access to primary health care for all.
12. Foster the understanding and promotion of social and economic conditions that support good health.

Health Priorities

- ▶ Increase access to primary and preventative health services.
- ▶ Ensure adequate and appropriate nutrition
- ▶ Prevent alcohol and other substance abuse and misuse
- ▶ Prevent environmental and occupational health hazards
- ▶ Control existing, emerging, and re-emerging communicable diseases
- ▶ Reduce high risk sexual behavior
- ▶ Prevent intentional and unintentional injuries and violence
- ▶ Improve mental health and mental disorders
- ▶ Reduce the prevalence of obesity and lack of physical activity
- ▶ Limit social and economic factors that adversely influence health
- ▶ Reduce tobacco use and exposure

Department Overview

Grant County Health Department administered over 20 programs with a staff of 29 including 3 individuals that work less than 20 hours per week (~25.5 FTE). The 2007 operating budget was approximately 2.36 million dollars (excluding donations). This is an increase from the 2006 budget which was approximately 2.09 million dollars. Approximately 1.8 million dollars (2007) was anticipated from sources other than the local tax levy making the health department largely funded by State, Federal, grant, and fee for service sources.

In 2007, five programs were supported directly, but not entirely, by county levy funds. Of the five programs the vast majority of levy is used to provide Public Health services many of which are mandated by the State (see essential public health services above). The other four programs provide direct services to children or individuals with health problems or disabilities. These programs include Personal Care, Personal Care Supervision (for Unified and Social Services), Home Nursing and Health Check. Our Health Check program (serving children) needed very little levy funding in 2007 (~\$1,000) but is budgeted for about \$40,000 of levy funds. All programs are supported by levy funds through basic infrastructure (see the MAXIMUS report), administration, and other ancillary activities.

Highlights and Challenges in 2007

According to the UW Population Health Institute report, Grant County's health outcomes measure has steadily improved since 2004 and we are currently ranked 20th out of the 72 counties in Wisconsin. This indicates that our continual modifications to our public health and other programs as well as our partner's efforts have had a significant positive impact on the health of individuals in our communities. This comes despite being ranked 59th worst for smoking and binge drinking rates in the state according to the same report.

The Grant County Drug-Free Community program was renewed for the fourth time at the end of 2007. This grant provides \$100,000 per year to Grant County to help reduce drug, alcohol, and tobacco use/abuse among children and eventually adults in our county. By the end of this grant cycle over \$400,000 will have been brought into our county to reduce problems with substance abuse through this grant program. This program was added in 2004 after recognizing challenges with health behaviors in Grant County including smoking and excessive and/or underage drinking.

Rural Medicaid HMO expansion eliminated or impaired Grant County Health Department's ability to provide Health Check and other services in several zip codes including the Boscobel, Bloomington, Fennimore, and areas near Prairie du Chen. Further expansion in Grant County is anticipated including the Lancaster area. This may create some access issues as the HMOs often do not have network providers within a particular community (as expansion is done by zip code). In at least one case, HMO expansion has eliminated community-based access that was once available via the health department when it was formerly able to provide services. In short, this forces residents to travel outside of their community for services. This process also will most certainly reduce the ability of the health department to bundle services offered to clients and make prior authorization and billing more complex. An ongoing review will assess the overall impact of the State's initiative on our program and the services available to our citizens.

In 2007, Grant County Health Department completed a working draft of a community containment plan and revised its mass clinic plan significantly. Meetings and planning efforts with our PHPR partners continue into 2008 with a focus on other agencies and businesses preparedness efforts as well as assisting in containing outbreaks of disease in animals that may spread to humans (zoonotic illnesses).

A cryptosporidiosis outbreak originating in Iowa (in 2007) impacted Grant County. A total of 31 cases were reported with the majority of them occurring in August and September. Press releases were used to inform the public of this increase and how to help control the spread of this illness. Communication between states is still somewhat problematic even though we have exercised together with Iowa and Illinois several times (including once in Lancaster).

In 2007, the Grant County Health Department played a key role in the creation of a free health clinic (In Health Clinic) in Boscobel. We are continuing to work with the project to expand it to other areas of the county and to establish free dental health services in 2008.

A new county website (www.co.grant.wi.gov) is in place allowing for easier access to information regarding our department and services including newsletters, clinic schedules, and service details. Additionally, we purchased a new brochure display and brochures with a specific focus on nutrition.

Major Programs by Expenses



Public Health

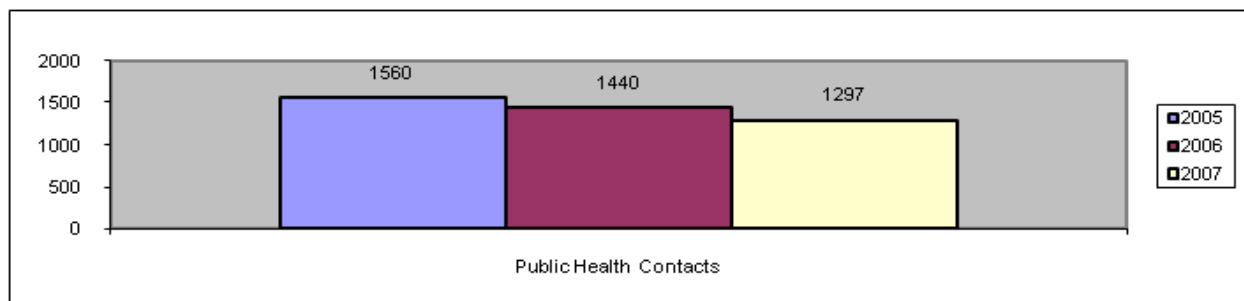
Statutory requirements are in place to ensure the health of the community. The vast majority of these requirements fall within subprograms of programs and activities of Public Health services. Included in these duties are the control of communicable disease, health promotion, education, and prevention efforts. Efforts center on local need and the priorities identified in the State health plan "Healthy People 2010".

The Health Department monitors community health using surveys and a multitude of data sets available locally and through the State, other public agencies and private entities. We educate the public through media releases, newsletters, classes, and outreach at community events and with community leaders. We provide satellite clinics in 12 areas across the county, in schools, and provide services in homes and businesses as well as directly out of our office.

Great effort has been placed at bundling services and creating one access point instead of many points of entry. Examples of services provided to our residents include:

- 1) Fluoride varnish to prevent tooth decay
- 2) New mother and baby visits
- 3) Coordinating services of children with special health care needs
- 4) Health teaching and education outreach
- 5) Assisting families with individuals at risk for health or other problems
- 6) Health Check and related services
- 7) Communicable disease control

Below is the number of contacts for Public Health.



Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)

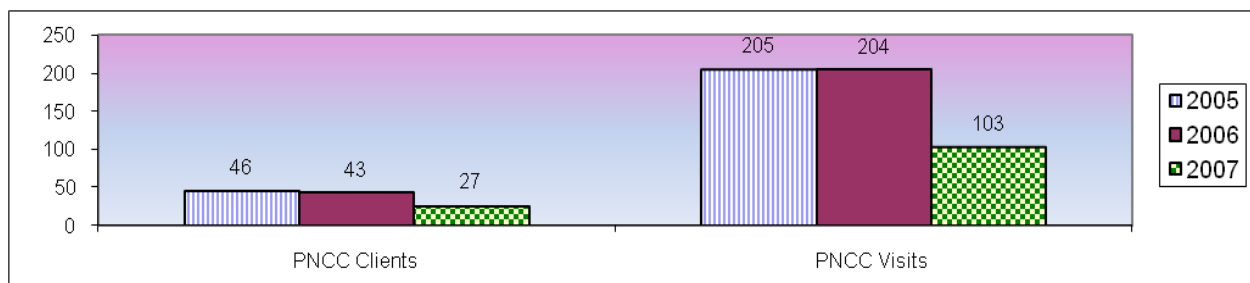
PNCC can greatly improve birth outcomes for infants and saves thousands of dollars per year on preventable conditions by linking pregnant women to services that might not otherwise be provided. Upon referral, nurses educate pregnant women on the importance of early and regular prenatal care. Our nurses assist in coordinating services with the woman's healthcare provider and create links to programs such as birthing classes. Links are also encouraged with other health department programs such as Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Health Check and other resources are made available to mothers as well.

Education focuses on topics such as: breastfeeding promotion, safety, nutrition, pregnancy related physiological and emotional changes, infant care, and parenting is provided as well.

Nurses incorporate counseling regarding the dangers of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use during pregnancy, and encourage quitting these behaviors by providing referrals to counseling or cessation groups when necessary.

In 2007, we had a student nurse examine our PNCC program in an attempt to help improve utilization. As a result of this effort a new PNCC program resource guide was created, a satisfaction/suggestion survey for participants was created, and an informational letter to improve referrals and sustained PNCC enrollment for referral sources (clinicians) was created and distributed.

Below is the number of visits for Prenatal Care Coordination.



School Health

Many schools in Grant County do not have their own nursing staff and rely on the Grant County Health Department to provide basic health services. The following schools received direct services in 2007:

St Clements (Lancaster)	St Mary's (Platteville)	Potosi Elem./HS
Christian Day School	Amish/Mennonite Schools	Cuba City Elem./HS
St. Rose (Cuba City)	Holy Ghost (Dickeyville)	Immaculate Conception (Kieler)
St. Joseph (Sinsinawa)	RiverRidge Elm./HS	St. Mary's (Bloomington)
Iowa-Grant Elm./HS	Cassville Elm./HS	St. Charles (Cassville)

Direct services provided by Grant County Health Department staff include:

- Health plan and policy development
- Vision and hearing screenings for selected grades, including rechecks and referrals to appropriate health care providers as needed.
- School immunization clinics
- Follow up on immunization requirements for entry.
- Blood pressure screening for 10th graders.
- Scoliosis letters to 6th and 8th graders
- Wellness clinics for employees
- Flu and pneumonia vaccine for employees
- Health resources and presentations for teachers, staff, students and parents

The Grant County Health Department also provides support for school districts that employ their own school nurse by acting as a resource. Meetings are held several times a year to update them on important issues and we assist them in administering flu, pneumonia, and tetanus/diphtheria immunizations. Occasionally, support staff is provided to schools that have their own nursing staff to help out with health screening efforts. Schools located in Boscobel, Fennimore, Lancaster, Platteville, and Muscoda (Riverdale) receive these services.

Grant County Health Department also follows up on cases or reports of communicable diseases and identifies contacts to control the spread of illness in our school populations as part of our mandated responsibilities. A total of 1,253 nursing hours were spent relating to school health not including communicable disease control efforts. In addition, 5,833 miles were traveled by nurses relating to school health services. Public health aide time and administration are not included in this total (this is not specifically kept track of).

Jail Health

Two nurses from the Grant County Health Department regularly staff the Grant County Jail providing onsite care with scheduled visits three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) and as needed. In addition, the jail is included in our "intake" system and "on call" rotation allowing our department to provide services as needed ensuring complete coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including holidays.

The jail nurses coordinate with the jail staff and health care providers to provide necessary care in as efficient and cost effective manner as possible. Services include training of jail staff and acting as a resource for a variety of public health issues as well as directly serving inmates by doing such things as handling medications, collecting laboratory specimens, providing care, and maintaining records.

In 2007, 334 visits were made to the jail resulting in 974.5 hours of nursing time. In addition, 852 miles were traveled to provide jail health services in 2007. Many hours of charting and processing orders were also absorbed in the public health and home nursing budgets as work occurs out of the jail as well. In addition, significant amounts of administration time were needed to coordinate services, address complaints, and cover duties when problems at the jail arose.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program

The purpose of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is to promote and maintain the health and well-being of nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children. WIC provides supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition and breastfeeding information, and referral to other health and nutrition services. WIC promotes and supports breastfeeding.

Health benefits of WIC participation include reduced:

- Premature births
- Low birth-weight babies
- Long-term medical expenses

Food Benefits for participants include:

- Milk, eggs, cheese.
- Cereals.
- Peanut butter, dried beans and peas.
- Tuna fish.
- Carrots.
- Fruit juices.
- Infant formula.

An average of 1,091 individuals were served per month representing a slight decrease compared with 1,096 in 2006. Farmers market continues to be an option for WIC participants to receive fresh produce while the added revenue assists area farmers that chose to participate. Clinic participation rates were monitored and surveys were conducted regarding our clinic locations and frequencies. After seeing an increase in clients in the Platteville area two additional clinics (per year) will be held in Platteville.

In 2007, WIC families spent a total of \$610,001.03 at 12 Grant County grocery stores. This is an increase of \$56,112.03 from 2006.

MCH Child Passenger Safety Seat Program

This program protects infants and children while traveling in vehicles. Trained staff provided information about child restraints and the compatibility of child safety seats with both children and vehicles. Our staff is knowledgeable about recall information on defective car safety seats and identifies and suggests replacing outdated seats as well. In 2006, a new booster seat law was passed in Wisconsin and significant outreach was done to educate the public as to the new requirements. Children must now be in a car seat until they reach age 4 and in a booster seat until they reach age 8. In 2007, we focused on educating and helping families comply with the new requirements.

We also offer free or low cost child passenger safety seats to low income families. In 2007, 110 car seat inspections were performed up from 80 in 2006. Several large donations and a \$2,500 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation WINS program have helped expand the number of families we have been able to assist.

Health Check

The Health Check Program provides comprehensive examinations of children aged birth to 21 years. A complete health check includes:

Head to toe physical exams	Immunizations
Lab tests	Eye exams
Growth and development assessments	Mouth exams
Nutritional screening	Other screenings

Health Check screenings are offered at most clinics with the WIC Program. However, as mentioned in the highlights and challenges section, rural MA HMO expansion has greatly impacted this program.

Fluoride dental varnish offerings and use were expanded further in 2007. This component added in 2006 should help improve the dental health of our youth who often times have no dental coverage or have difficulties finding dentists that will take new medical assistance individuals.

In 2007, 611 Health Checks were performed. Additionally, 676 blood lead screenings were completed for children in Grant County. In comparison, 581 Health Checks and 618 blood lead screenings were done in 2006.

WWWP (Wisconsin Well Woman Program)

Grant County Health Department administers the WWWP for women ages 45-64 meeting specific income requirements. Well Woman pays for mammograms, Pap tests, certain other health screenings, and multiple sclerosis testing for women with high risk signs of multiple sclerosis. Covered services are available from participating health care providers at no cost to Well Woman clients. There is no premium, co-payment or deductible for the Well Woman Program. Not all covered services are available from every provider.

About 178,480 women in the United States are estimated to have been found to have invasive breast cancer in 2007. About 40,460 women died from the disease in 2007. Right now there are about two and a half million breast cancer survivors in the United States. The chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer some time during her life is about 1 in 8. The chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 35. Breast cancer death rates are going down. This is probably the result of finding the cancer earlier through mammograms and exams and improved treatment.

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2007, about 11,150 cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. About 3,670 women will die from cervical cancer in the United States during 2007. Cervical cancer was once one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women. The cervical cancer death rate declined by 74% between 1955 and 1992. The main reason for this change is the increased use of the Pap test. This screening procedure can find changes in the cervix before cancer develops. It can also find early cancer in its most curable stage. The death rate from cervical cancer continues to decline by nearly 4% a year.

In 2007, 67 participants from Grant County were able to access the WWWP program.

Immunizations

In 2007, immunizations were offered at 14 different locations throughout the county including all WIC / Health Check Clinics and vaccine was also available at the health department office. Many vaccines are provided at no charge while others are billed at minimal expense.

In 2007, a special focus was placed on infants born to families residing in Grant County. Specifically, we worked toward improving vaccination rates of those who turn 24 months of age during the year to ensure that they have received 4 DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hib, 3 Hepatitis B and 1 Varicella vaccination. Reminder cards were sent out to parents and special letters were sent out to those needing to be brought up to date. Several articles were placed in our newsletter and press releases were done as well. Providers were also contacted and given updated information as to what vaccines is available through our department as well as copies of our clinic schedules. In addition, we encouraged area providers to sign up to enter data directly into the free Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) and promoted WIR's accessibility (www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/wir) to look up shot records to parents.

Below is the number of vaccinations given by the Grant County Health Department in 2007. It is important to note the continued expansion of the use of combined vaccines which has made comparisons to previous year's statistics more complex.

Number of Doses of Vaccine	2004	2005	2006	2007
DTaP - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	466	484	484	386
Polio	241	281	298	215
MMR - Measles/Mumps/Rubella	455	492	548	387
Hepatitis A (pediatric)	1	6	14	76
Hepatitis B (pediatric)	79	57	61	35
Td - Tetanus/Diphtheria	858	555	885	845
Tdap (Adacel)	0	1	158	165
Hib - Haemophilus Influenza type B	616	448	433	386
HPV (Gardasil) (new in 2007)	0	0	0	172
Varicella (Chickenpox)	524	308	248	408
Prevnar	608	657	558	482
Pediarix (DTaP/HepB/Polio)	601	430	384	349
Comvax (Hib/Hep B)	53	42	12	4
Meningitis (college age)	51	71	121	180
Rotavirus	0	0	3	76
Influenza	3,040	2973	2822	3048
Pneumonia	95	65	95	89
Hepatitis A (adult)	21	34	46	26
Hepatitis B (adult)	180	164	169	134
Total	7,889	7068	7339	7463

Communicable Disease Follow-Up

Certain diseases and conditions are considered to have great public health impact, and confirmed or suspected cases of these diseases must be reported promptly. The requirements for reporting an illness once the disease or condition is recognized or suspected varies with the particular disease. The specific reporting requirements are listed in the Chapter HFS 145, Control of Communicable Diseases. Local public health departments are responsible receiving such reports and for conducting follow-up activities with these illnesses to confirm the illness, educate the individual(s) about the illness and encourage treatment (if needed), and to ultimately control and reduce the spread of the disease. Telephone calls, letters, and/or face-to-face contacts are used to gather and distribute information. Identifying the source of an illness or out break or contacts to cases and locating individuals can be a very time consuming process.

In 2007, significant numbers of cryptosporidium cases were identified in Grant County. Normally, about 10 -18 cases are identified per year, however, 31 cases were identified in 2007. It is likely that several of the cases were associated to an outbreak thought to have initiated in Dubuque, IA that was linked with exposures in swimming pools.

In 2007, we continued to work with the State on the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) and the linkages with the Electronic Laboratory reporting (ELR) System by participating in the WEDSS Lead Team forwarding this program. This system is being piloted in Milwaukee and other areas of the state and will likely be available for all health departments in 2008.

Below is a summary of communicable diseases that were reported to the Grant County Health Department in 2007.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

(January 1 - December 31, 2007)

According to Wisconsin State Statute 252, any individual with knowledge or reason to believe that a person has a communicable disease, must report to their local health department. This includes physician, nurses, lab workers, teachers and the general public. The Grant County Health Department has received the following reports of illness. Staff has completed follow-up on these reports and appropriate action has been taken.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	2005	2006	2007
Arbo Virus	1	2	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0	0
California Arbovirus	0	0	0
California Encephalitis	0	0	0
Campylobacter	23	16	15
Cat Scratch Disease	0	0	0
Cryptosporidium	18	15	31
Cyclosporiasis	0	1	0
E.Coli	1	5	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	1	0
Entamoeba Histolytica	0	0	0
Giardia	7	2	1
Hepatitis C	3	6	8
Histoplasmosis	1	0	1
Invasive Hemophilus Influenza	0	0	0
LaCrosse Encephalitis	0	0	0
Legionella	0	0	0
Listeria	0	0	0
Lyme Disease	31	24	12
Mumps	0	26	4
Mycobacterium Arium	2	1	1
Q Fever	1	0	2
Salmonella	12	7	9
Shigella	1	0	0
Strept A	0	2	1
Strept Pneumonia	0	0	0
Strept Agalc B	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0	1
Viral Encephalitis	1	0	0
Viral Meningitis	0	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	2	0
Yersinia	0	0	0
TOTALS	102	110	86

VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES	2005	2006	2007
Chickenpox	0	7	13
Hepatitis A	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	2	0	0
Hib	0	0	0
Pertussis	12	2	8

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES	2005	2006	2007
Chlamydia	68	59	67
Gonorrhea	9	8	7
Herpes II	12	6	18

TOBACCO-FREE COALITION

In 2007, the Tobacco-Free Coalition continued to partner with the Grant County Sheriff's Department to conduct the Wisconsin WINS Program completing 175 compliance checks within Grant County establishments which sell tobacco products. The tobacco sales rate to minors was at 2.4% which is well below the state-wide percentage rate. During the compliance checks it was found that 11 establishments no longer sell tobacco.

A cessation supper was held in October to help people who are trying to quit using tobacco products. Resources and tools were given to aid these people. Physician's Assistant, Mike Metz, spoke and offered some useful and beneficial information. Follow up calls were made to offer extra support. Funding was received to offer The American Lung Association Freedom From Smoking ® to low income individuals free of charge. This program has also been offered to County employees and the general public.

The Youth Leadership Conference was held in June in which 47 youth attended from Grant County and surrounding counties. Tobacco issues were discussed and programming within the schools were implemented and expanded. Efforts to work with youth to prevent or reduce tobacco use are still a key objective in this program.

Our "Healthy Air 4 Lancaster" committee placed inserts in area newspapers to increase membership within our coalition. Over 200 survey calls were made to Lancaster businesses to gather data asking if they allowed smoking within their buildings. Members attended a joint-finance committee meeting in Prairie du Chien and a few attended a hearing in Madison regarding the SB150 bill. A signed resolution in support of the SB150 smoke-free bill was sent to Governor Doyle, Senator Schultz, and Assemblyman Garthwaite from the Grant County Board of Health.

Environmental Health Programs

Grant County remains the lead agency in a five county Environmental Health Consortium. Members of the consortium include Grant, Lafayette, Iowa, Richland, and Vernon counties. This program addresses factors that can adversely impact the health of our citizens. Problems can include human health hazards such as vermin infestations, sewage or other waste problems, and water and air quality issues or public health nuisances which may endanger the safety or health of the public. Local health departments are required by state statute to respond to human health hazards.

In 2007, for the second year in a row, the Grant County Health Department received a \$1,500 grant to do enhanced mosquito surveillance and breeding ground abatement to help prevent West Nile Virus and other arboviral infections.

The Environmental Health Coordinator also responded to flooding in several counties assessing dwellings and wells, and offering advise on how to properly clean up homes and sanitize wells after flood damage to protect the health of those impacted by these events.

Grant County operates a regional Radon Information Center (RIC). Radon is a naturally occurring gas that is considered to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. Using a grant from the state our RIC does significant outreach and education and distributes free test kits to the public in the six county region.

The environmental health program also ensures that investigations on homes where lead poisoned children are identified are completed to determine the source of lead poisoning. Once problems are identified our Environmental Health Coordinator works to ensure that these problems are corrected.

For the second year in a row public concerns and contacts regarding environmental health issues increased in Grant County. Below is the statistics for other environmental health issues:

Number of Contacts	2005	2006	2007
Water	116	94	163
Air Quality	30	182	256
Asbestos	5	96	81
Hazardous Materials	1	67	6
Lead Hazards	23	118	127
Occupational Hazards	0	0	0
Radiation Hazards	280	210	182
Other Environmental Hazards	3	0	4
Housing	36	205	261
Rabies	321	99	94
Sewage	3	48	65
Solid Waste	10	139	148
Insects/Rodents/Animal Problems	115	87	76
Home Inspections	NA	210	263
Totals	943	1555	1726

Public Health Preparedness and Response

During 2007, Grant County Health Department completed a pandemic flu preparedness assessment and made changes to our pandemic flu response plan. We also developed a three year work plan to better prepare for a pandemic influenza and outlined a community containment plan. As part of testing our plans we exercised with other counties as well.

In addition, we assessed our status with regard to 15 performance measures outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as essential to local health departments for their ability to respond to a public health emergency. We took these results and developed a work plan further prepare use to handle emergencies.

We continue to work with our partners to delineate roles and responsibilities and to refine or develop needed capabilities.

Consolidated Grants

The Wisconsin Division of Public Health has continued to provide state and federal grant funds to local health departments in a pass through process called Consolidated Contracts. The following programs are examples of services provided using these funds:

Maternal & Child Health – Public Health Home Visits, Health Check Screening, Car Seat Safety Checks

Prevention - A five County Environmental Health consortium including Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, and Vernon counties to address environmental health issues and human health hazards

EIDP – Helps cover the cost of enrollment into the Family Planning Waiver Program and pregnancy testing.

Lead – Blood lead screening of children follow-up services for children with elevated lead levels (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, and Vernon counties funds)

Radon – Provide testing, education, and consultation services for residents regarding the risk of radon. (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, Vernon, and Crawford counties funds)

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) – Provides nutrition services, drafts, and referrals to women and children under the age of five who meet the income guidelines.

Immunizations – Funds used for maintaining records for each person receiving immunizations and for entering information into Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR).

WWWP (Wisconsin Well Women's Program) – The WWWP provides Health services and screening to low income women.

Tobacco-Free Coalition – Funds from Wisconsin Tobacco Settlement provides education and prevention of tobacco use, especially in youth as well as funding for law enforcement and youth to do compliance checks at businesses throughout Grant County.

Public Health Preparedness and Response – Federal funds for planning public health responses and training in conjunction with Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, health care providers and the community to prepare for local emergencies – both man made and natural disasters.

Other Grants

IV-E – Provides parenting education services to families with young children, including referrals to other resources for families at risk for health or other problems.

Drug-Free Community Grant – A grant funded program that started in 2004 to address the challenges of alcohol, tobacco and other drug usage among youth and eventually among families through coalition building and community empowerment tactics. This \$100,000 per year grant is renewable for 5 years. We are in our fourth year.

S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition/Drug-Free Communities Grant

Established in 2001, the Grant County Drug-Free Community Coalition, now the S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition, continues in its successful efforts to help reduce substance abuse, tobacco use, and underage drinking among youth. The Roundtable and the Grant County Tobacco-Free Coalition are a part of the S.A.F.E. coalition, which is primarily funded by the Drug-Free Communities grant. In order to diversify its membership, expand its programming, and increase its sustainability, **the coalition changed its name in 2007 to S.A.F.E. (Safe Actions For Everyone).**

The key to the overall effectiveness of this comprehensive program is the ability to initiate positive changes in social norms through proven research-based efforts as well as community outreach using leaders from 12 community sectors representing the many facets of society.

In 2007, after school programs were funded by the coalition in Lancaster, Iowa-Grant, and Cuba City. *All-Stars and Class Action*, science-based substance abuse prevention curricula, was purchased by the coalition and one or both of these programs were implemented in Cuba City, River Ridge, and Southwestern. The coalition partnered with CESA #3 to bring the CLIMB Theatre, a nationally renowned play troupe that discourages substance abuse, to 10 out of 11 Grant County Schools.

The coalition also funds an annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) which trains students to make an impact on substance abuse in their schools and communities. In 2007, the YLC was held at Bethel Horizons Retreat Center near Dodgeville and 47 student leaders were trained. Coalition staff/members also partnered with UW-Platteville to curb binge drinking with speakers/presentations, a non-alcoholic spring party challenge, and displays at UW-P Wellness Days and Alcohol Awareness Week.

The coalition is involved in many environmental strategies to limit youth access to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and to help individuals deal with drug issues. The coalition prepared a beer tax resolution, which was signed by the Grant County Board of Health and the Grant County Board of Supervisors, and sent to the legislators who are trying to pass the tax to treat alcohol dependent individuals. The coalition helped to fund alcohol and tobacco compliance checks so that retailers are much less likely to sell to minors. We have reduced the sales rate of tobacco from 24% in 2002 to 2.4% in 2007 and the sales rate of alcohol from 25% in 2002 to 12.9% in 2007.

In January 2007, a community supper featuring a pharmacist speaking about the misuse of prescription drugs, followed by free family bowling, was sponsored by the coalition in Boscobel with over 80 community members in attendance. The coalition also helped to sponsor an expired prescription “round up” in July 2007 in order to keep these drugs out of the hands of youth and to dispose of them safely. In addition, the coalition partnered with the Avalon Theatre and Pioneer Lanes in Platteville in September 2007 to show the HBO documentary on addiction, which featured new knowledge, new treatments, and new hope for drug-dependent individuals and their families. One of the participants commented after seeing the documentary: “Everyone should see this!”

By the end of the current drug-free communities grant, cycle over \$400,000 of federal assistance will have been provided to Grant County.

PERSONAL CARE SERVICE

Personal Care Program

In 2007 the Grant County Health Department served 33 clients on the Personal Care Services Program. These clients received assistance with bathing, hair, skin and nail care and other personal care services. This care is provided by personal care workers. This service allows persons to have assistance with care so they can remain independent in their own homes. This service is paid for largely by Medical Assistance or clients paying privately for care.

Personal Care Supervision Program

The Personal Care Supervision is a program that is contracted through Social Services and Unified Community Services. Through this program clients receive a visit every 50 to 60 days by a registered nurse. The registered nurse is supervising the personal care workers who are providing care in the client’s home. This program provides long term care to the frail elderly, physically disabled and developmentally disabled in their homes.

This program is funded entirely by medical assistance. This has created some funding challenges since medical assistance has not increased the funding in the personal care program for several years while the cost of providing services has continued to rise. This program requires extensive cooperation and collaboration between the Health Department, Social Services, Unified Counseling and the community personal care agencies. This program may be impacted in the future if Family Care is established in Grant County. At the present time, many of the clients served on this program would need care in a skilled nursing facility if this care was not available in their own homes.

Number of Patients	2005	2006	2007		Number of Visits	2005	2006	2007
Health Dept	36	25	33		Health Dept	1,579	1,353	1,261
Social Service & UCS	162	145	143		Social Service & UCS	765	586	719
COP / CIP Assessments	73	59	60		COP / CIP Assessments	73	59	60
Total Patients	271	229	236		Total Visits	2,417	1,998	2,040

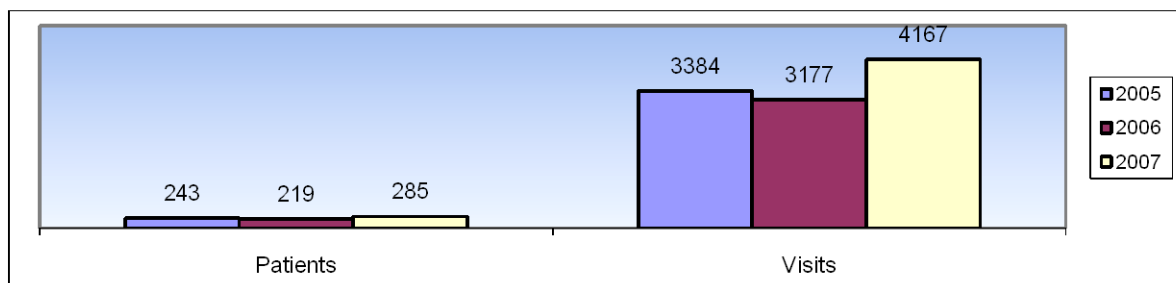
HOME NURSING

In 2007, there was substantial increase in both patients served and the number of visits made. The Home Nursing Program is undergoing a computer upgrade and is working on moving to computerized medical records.

The Grant County Health Department's Home Nursing Program provides skilled nursing visits, home health aide care, physical, speech and occupational therapy visits to clients in their home. In 2007, 285 clients received services through this program. The home nursing program has seen an increase in clients needing assistance in handling their medications in their homes, many of these clients are medical assistance eligible. Medical assistance reimbursement rates have created a financial struggle for the program. The program continues to serve Medicare, private insurance and private pay individuals as well as medical assistance clients. No one is denied service because of their ability to pay.

One of the biggest challenges for the Home Nursing Program is the addition of Medicare Replacement policies. As Grant County residents sign up for these plans, the Department has seen an increased need for coordination and prior authorization to receive payment for services provided. A comparison of patients and visits is noted below:

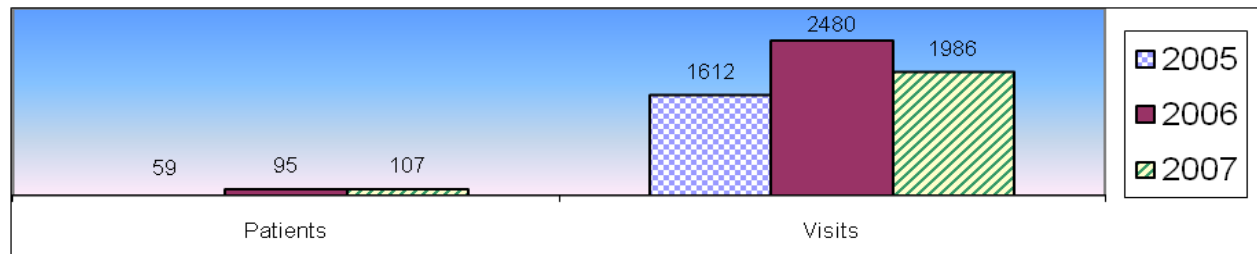
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HOSPICE

In 2007, 107 clients received care through the Health Department Hospice Program. Hospice provides care to clients who have a life limiting illness. The focus of care is on comfort not on cure of the disease and support for clients and their families. Clients receive visits from nurses, hospice social worker, home health aides and other members of the multi-disciplinary team as needed. The Hospice program will also be undergoing a computer upgrade and is exploring the feasibility of computerized charting.

Hospice Patients & Visits:



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